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SUBJECT: FORMER FRIULI SPECIAL COMMISSIONER ZAMBERLETTI RESIGNS
FROM GOVERNMENT IN WAKE OF RECONSTRUCTION
SCANDAL

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1. THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT (DC) FRIULI RECONSTRUCTION
SCANDAL, WHICH CONTINUES TO COMMAND EXTENSIVE DAILY
MEDIA COVERAGE, TOOK A NEW TURN ON SEPTEMBER ONE WITH THE
RESIGNATION OF FORMER FRIULI SPECIAL COMMISSIONER
ZAMBERLETTI FROM HIS POST AS INTERIOR MINISTRY UNDER-
SECRETARY. ALTHOUGH NO ONE HAS CHAGED ZAMBERLETTI WITH
COMPLIENCY IN THE PREFABRICATED HOUSING KICK-BACK SCANDAL,
HIS NAME BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH THE AFFAIR WHEN HIS PRIVATE
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SECRETARY, GIUSEPPE BALBO, WAS ARRESTED ON AUGUST 25
UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR ALLEGED CORRUPTION.

2. IN A RESIGNATION LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER
ANDREOTTI, ZAMBERLETTI SAID HE FELT OBLIGED TO STEP
DOWN IN VIEW OF THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST ONE OF HIS
CLOSE COLLABORATORS. HE SAID HE WAS NEVERTHELESS CERTAIN

THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS WOULD PROVE THE "ADMINISTRATIVE CORRECTNESS/ OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OPERATION OVER WHICH HE WAS RESPONSIBLE. HIS RESIGNATION WAS THE BEST MEANS OF DEMONSTRATING HIS "DEEP BITTERNESS OVER THE SHADOW/ WHICH HAS FALLEN OVER THE VERY LAUDABLE EFFORTS OF SO MANY VALIANT PUBLIC OFFICIALS, MILITARY PERSONNEL, CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS WHO ACHIEVED SUCH SUCCESS IN THE FRIULI RECONSTRUCTION EFFORT.

3. COMMENT: THE DC HAS A HOT POTATO IN ITS LAP. ZAMBERLETTI MAY HAVE FELT CONSTRAINED TO TENDER HIS RESIGNATION FOR REASONS/OR PERSONAL POLITICAL HONOR. HOWEVER IN THE PREVAILING ITALIAN POLITICAL CLIMATE MANY MAY WELL REGARD ZAMBERLETTI'S ACTION AS AN ADMISSION OF INVOLVEMENT. THEREHAVE ALREADY BEEN UNSUBSTANTIATED CHARGES THAT BALBO HAD COLLECTED KECK-BACKS FOR THE VARESE DC PROVINCIAL ORGANIZATION, ZAMBERLETTI'S HOME TURF. THIS HAS BEEN DENIED BY BOTH THE VARESE DIRECTORATE AND THE ZACCAGNINI SECRETARIAT. WHATEVER THE OUTCOME OF THE SCANDAL, THE DC'S POLITICAL OPPONENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN A FIRST-CLASS ISSUE FOR THIS FALL'S IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE ELCTIONS. THE SCANDAL MAY ALSO HAVE AN EFFECT ON LEVEL OF GOI ATTENDANCE AT THE SEPTEMBER 5 INAUGURAL CEREMONY IN THE FRIULI FOR CONSTRUCTION OF U.S. FUNDED PROJECTS.GARDNER

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